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50-YEAR AIRPORT LEASE VOTED

A Penny for your Thoughts

This being National Newspaper Week the HERALD "Penny Photographer" asked this question of five people met in Torrance. "What changes would you make in the Torrance HERALD if you were the editor?"

Van N. Sexton, 5223 Lee St., retired U. S. Army lithographer:

"The HERALD covers the news very well. I am always interested in local news and they carry a lot of it. I like their condensed style of coverage. When dignitaries come to town I don't think news writers should ramble on. I enjoy the HERALD as it is."

Emil Halbig, 510 So. Gertruda, Redondo Beach, baker:

"I don't read the Torrance HERALD. I subscribe to, or buy, daily newspapers, as I think their wire services give better stories on state legislature and meetings concerning them. This type of news should be thoroughly covered in all newspapers."

Jack Wirick, 23170 Doris Way, L. A. County, Fire Dept.:

"Sure I read the HERALD and if I were the editor I would use more local news and pictures — with the accent on features. I can't think of anything I really dislike in this paper, but I would like to see some boating news and pictures, though."

Mrs. Jackie Biggs, 4634 Mindora Drive, housewife:

"I'd like to see less advertising in the HERALD and more news — and I mean local news. I think you have given the Little League teams good coverage, but I'd like to see more of this type of news."

George Parmenter, Los Angeles, salesman:

"This is the first time I have seen the Torrance HERALD, but it looks well put together to me. Naturally I like sports and would use more if I were the editor. Your football pictures are good."

\$1 Polio Clinic

A \$1 polio clinic will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Avalon Village Medical and Dental Group, 535 E. 231st St. The clinic reported yesterday. American Red Cross volunteers will assist with the clinic. Hours Saturday will be from 12 noon until 8 p.m. On Sunday, the clinic will be in operation between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.



PROGRAM LAUNCHED . . . First of the trees to be planted in Downtown Torrance were set in place on Marcelina Ave. Tuesday. The trees, a special variety for use in parkways, are subsidized by merchants and will be cared for by the city park department. (Herald Photo)

Syndicate Gets Site on Airport

Leasing of the northwest corner of Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw to a syndicate of five men for a rental of \$27,000 a year was approved by the city council here Tuesday. A later offer of \$30,000 was turned down.

Acceptance of the lease proposal from the syndicate was voted after councilmen stated that the second offer, while sounding like a more profitable deal, would not bring sales tax revenue to the city as fast as the syndicate proposal.

Members of the group which obtained the 50-year lease were identified as Ray A. Watt, George Grazadio, Philip Yousem, George Eltinge, and W. E. Hoppe.

MAKING THE higher offer which was passed by was Jefferson, Inc., holders of the lease on the northeast corner of the intersection, now in the process of development.

Councilman George A. Bradford pointed out that the Jefferson firm had erected only

one building on 36 acres, the Foods Co. market.

Councilman Nick Draie told the HERALD after Tuesday's meeting that he was certain that the council had entered into a contract with the five-man syndicate several weeks ago, and that the Jefferson bid was too late at any rate.

COUNCILMAN Willys Blount expressed the same belief in discussing the matter with the HERALD.

In a letter to the council, officials of Jefferson, Inc., said leasing of the property to a new group which planned to erect a market, drug store, and similar retail establishments would not increase the revenue to the city through sales tax but would only spread it between the markets and drug stores now operating or proposed in the area.

EFFECTIVE DATE of the lease agreed to by the council Tuesday will be Nov. 1.

In other action, the council voted to ask the county to expedite the extension of Hawthorne Ave. south of Newton St. The council acted on the recommendation of Councilman J. A. Beasley, the city's representative on the Inter-City Highway Commission.

In contrast to the meeting held a week earlier, all was sweetness and light during Tuesday's session.

ON HAND to witness—and participate—in the proceedings were several score youngsters from the city's high schools who were taking part in Junior Citizens Day activities.

Each councilman and the mayor had a counterpart from one of the schools seated beside him during the meeting, and city department heads had their counterparts from the student ranks to report to the junior councilmen throughout the meeting.

By the time the two councils—one official and one "make believe"—had gone through the lengthy agenda, it was nearing midnight.

JIM HAWKINS, student body (Continued on Page 3)



TOP LEVEL HUDDLE . . . City and student "administrators for a day" huddle in the city manager's office during Junior Citizens Day activities Tuesday. Gathered around City Manager George Stevens are Mike Robbins, South High, assistant city manager; James Armstrong, Torrance High, city manager; Stevens; Mason Woolpert, North High, senior administrative assistant; Robert Carleson, the city's senior administrative assistant; and Assistant City Manager Chapman Bone. (Herald Photo)

Annexation Bug Bites City Again

A resolution authorizing the circulating of petitions in the Alondra Park area north of El Camino College seeking to annex the area north of El Camino College seeking to annex the area to Torrance was approved at a special meeting of the city council here Monday morning—reviving a similar move which was authorized last spring but which was stymied by an incorporation move in the area.

At stake is a small neck of land east of Crenshaw Blvd. which is the means of access by Torrance to the area north of the junior college. Gardena recently voted to annex the strip to "square off its boundary."

Reissuing the petition authorization is not a new action, but should revive the former petition, thus establishing Torrance's priority on the case, it was pointed out to the councilmen.

Concert to Feature Orchestra, Pianist



ELECTED . . . James P. Becker, manager of the Southern California Gas Co. here, has been elected chairman of the civic center promotion committee. The new advisory group will recommend a master plan and schedule of development for the city's civic center on Torrance Blvd. (See Page 8)

Concert pianist Colette Nance, a resident of Hollywood Riviera, will be guest soloist tomorrow evening when the Civic Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Conductor Elyse Aehle, opens the fall season with a concert at the Redondo High School Auditorium at 8:15.

Miss Nance will play the Liszt E-flat concerto, Miss Aehle reported. It is considered to be among the most difficult of piano concertos, she said, and is seldom performed by women.

The orchestra will be featured in Dvorak's "From the New World." Thomas' "Mignon" will be presented as the overture.

Admission to the concert is free.



GOOD NEIGHBOR HUNT . . . Bonnie Jean Braugh, YMCA Chairman Scott Albright, and City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier, breakfast chairman, go over nomination papers for the annual Good Neighbor selection which will highlight the YMCA pancake breakfast Saturday morning. The breakfast will be served at the YMCA building, 2080 Washington Ave., between 6 and 11:30 a.m. (Herald Photo)

Officials To Discuss Industries

Rubbish collection policies and zoning problems of the city will be discussed by members of the industrial committee of the Chamber of Commerce when that group meets this afternoon at the Chamber office, 1511 Cravens Ave.

Wade Peebles, director of public works for the city, will discuss rubbish collection policies which have been under attack by some industries who charge they must pay for a service the city is unable to perform.

Scheduled to speak to the industrialists on zoning is Planning Director George Powell. He will report also on the new industrial development program by the city and the Chamber of Commerce.

Army Accepts Radical Plane

The vertical take-off and landing plane designed and built by Doak Aircraft Co. of Torrance has been accepted by the Army, it was announced in Washington, D. C., Tuesday.

Acceptance of the plane—the Doak 16—came after the novel craft with rotating ducted fans on its wingtips had successfully completed a flight-test program with the first cross-country trips made by a VTOL aircraft.

FIRST PUBLIC and press demonstrations of the craft were made in Washington Tuesday.

The plane made a flight from Edwards Air Force Base to Oxnard AFB where it made sea-level tests over the shoreline before returning to Edwards. While at Oxnard, the plane was demonstrated to representatives of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. It took off vertically like a helicopter, converted in the air to high

speed forward flight, and then returned to land vertically.

IT ALSO MADE conventional and short take-offs and landings, showing its ability to use limited runways.

"I would like to commend Edmond R. Doak and his staff for their ingenuity and foresight in pursuing their objectives," Col. V. R. Beck, commanding officer of the U. S. Army Transportation Research and Engineering Command, said on accepting the Doak 16. "We of the Army Transportation Corps feel that the successful development of this aircraft is a significant step toward the ultimate objective of operational VTOL aircraft," he added.

Design studies are under way for a transport plane based on the ducted fan principle, Doak announced after Tuesday's demonstration.

Pact Halts Restaurant Picket Line

A picket line which was thrown around the Jump n' Jack Restaurant, in Waverly yesterday noon was called off when the management of the popular dining spot and union officials agreed to a change in the health and welfare benefits program offered employees.

A spokesman for the restaurant said there was no dispute over wages, which were hiked under a new contract last July. The company agreed to provide a union-recommended welfare program after yesterday's short demonstration, the HERALD was told.



ROSE FLOAT PENNIES . . . Girls of the Brownie Troop sponsored by the Seaside Community Church donate \$1.60 representing "piggy bank" savings to Chairman George A. Bradford for the city's Tournament of Roses entry. Making the presentation are Carol Campbell, Debra Walker, Lenore Musket, and Kathy Lucas, each 7 years old. (Herald Photo)